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Section II (Remarks)

The allowance of claims 1, 3-11, 13-15 and 26-40 is acknowledged.

In response to the examiner's requirement to cancel withdrawn claims 16-22 or to amend same to be of the same scope as the allowed claims, claim 16 has been amended to be consistent with allowed claim 1.

Inasmuch as claims 17-22 are directly or indirectly dependent under such amended claim 16, claims 17-22 are likewise conformed to the scope of the previously allowed claims.

Claims 23-25 have been cancelled pursuant to the examiner's requirement for such action, as drawn to an aspect of the invention "not subject to the policy of rejoinder" (page 2, Ex Parte Quayle action).

Such cancellation of claims 23-25 is with reservation of the right to pursue the subject matter of same in a further divisional or continuation application based on and claiming the priority of the present application.

In view of the foregoing amendment of the previously withdrawn claims 16-22 and cancellation of claims 23-25, the application now is in condition for allowance of pending claims 1, 3-11, 13-22 and 26-40. Such action is respectfully requested.

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